

**September 13, 2015**

**Sunday before Holy Cross**

The **Epistle Reading** is Galatians 6:11-18. The **Gospel Reading** is John 3:13-17. These Readings may be found on pages 1333 & 1238 in the **Holy Bible** or on pages 147-148 in the **Divine Liturgy Book**.

**Today we remember:** Proeortia of the Elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life-Giving Cross; Sunday preceding the Elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life-Giving Cross; Memorial of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection; Holymartyr Cornelius, the Centurion; Martry Aristeides; Righteous Hierotheos of Iviron.

**The Altar Table Lamp is lit by:**

- Gus & Ritsa Economakis & Georgia *in loving memory of* their son and her brother, Chris Economakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**The Vigil Lamps of the Iconostasion are lit by:**

- Jennie Kegel *in honor of* the members of the Saint Demetrios Choir, as they return for a new Ecclesiastical Year to share their God given talents and enhance our Divine Liturgy. Also, *in honor of* our organist, Olga Polites, whose musical leadership with our summer Congregational Singing is truly appreciated.
- Irene Kaikis-Lericos & Family *beseaching God's grace on* her grandson, Panayotis Vasilios Lericos, on his 40-day blessing.
- Roula Passon *in loving memory of* her son, Peter. May his memory be eternal.
- Helen Kokkinakos & Family *in loving memory of* her husband & their father, Anastasios Kokkinakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. May his memory be eternal.
- Dimitra Gerasimidis Reidy and Angeliki Gerasimidis *in loving memory of* their father, Aristidis Gerasimidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May his memory be eternal.

**40-Day Baby Blessing:** Mr. & Mrs. William Lericos will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a son, for the traditional 40-Day Blessing.

The **Memorial Service** is being chanted today *in loving memory of* Anastasios Kokkinakos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; and *in loving memory of* Aristidis Gerasimidis, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. May their memory be eternal.

**The Altar Bread was prepared by:** Ritsa Economakis.

**Coffee Hour:** The Coffee Hour is sponsored by The Kokkinakos & Gerasimidis Families and served by Mary Antonas, Anthoula Chakales and Angela Koutsoutis.

**For more information about the events listed in the bulletin, please look for literature on the Narthex Table or call the church office.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ~ General Assembly!**  
**Please make plans to attend this important meeting.**

**Orthodox Studies:** Start the new Ecclesiastical year off right; learn more about your Orthodox Faith. Join us on Friday mornings at 9:30am. For more information, contact Kate Cocoros 410.692.7590.

**Church School Registration:** Will be held on **today**, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:55am – 12:00pm in the Church's main hallway. Church School classes will begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:55am.

**Parish Council Nominations:** Your Church needs You!! Soon you will receive a letter in the mail containing a Parish Council Nomination Form. This is a very important calendar time for our Church...the time when Parish Council members will be elected to serve for the next three years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Parish Council, something that every member of the Church Parish should experience at least once. The Council is responsible for making major decisions concerning our Parish. In the next few weeks, someone from the Nominating Committee will probably come up to you to talk about a possible run in the elections held in November. But don't wait for them to come...send in your nominating form to the Office and be placed on the ballot. For any questions, or more information, please call Jennie Kegel at 410-256-2143.

**Adult Choir:** The Saint Demetrios Choir will begin the new Ecclesiastical Year by resuming their singing for the Divine Liturgy today. The Choir is always looking for additional members. Our rehearsals are held on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** For more information call Jennie at 410.256.2143.

**The Orthodox Christian Way:** Coming Soon! The fall series of the Orthodox Christian Way program will take place on Tuesday evenings, **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. We are busy planning the programs, but the format will remain the same: we will begin with a light supper at 6:15pm, followed promptly at 7:00pm by the evening's presentation. You are encouraged to bring your children, as BABYSITTING will be provided at **ALL** sessions, and we promise to wrap things up by 8:30pm. Cost is \$20 for all four sessions. Please stop by the registration table after the Liturgy or call the church office at 410.661.1090 ext. 202.

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Registration:** We are continuing to accept Registration Forms for the 2014-2015 School Year, for the Saint Demetrios Pre-School (age 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (age 4). Registration forms can be found on the Narthex Table. To set up a visit, or for more information about this wonderful academic, spiritual and cultural educational program, please contact via phone: 410.661.1090 x204 or email: [sdpreschool@comcast.net](mailto:sdpreschool@comcast.net).

**Saint Demetrios Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner:** The Saint Demetrios Pre-School will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Hermes Rafailides Center. Spaghetti Dinners will be served from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$14, Adult double plate \$20, Children 10 to 14 \$8, Children 3-9 \$5, Carry-Outs (no salad) \$12. Bring all your family and friends and support our school!! For more information or to purchase/reserve tickets, call 410.661.1090 x204 or *pick up a flyer from the Narthex Table*.

**Greek School Registration:** Our Greek School Classes ~ After School Program Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is complete. The schedule & registrations forms can be found on the Narthex table. First day of classes will be **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Library News:** It's hard to believe that summer is over and the Ecclesiastical year has begun. Like all the other ministries the Library has a lot of new and exciting things planned. If you have a couple hours a month to give, come join us. We want to keep this ministry going. Our Library meeting will be on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy. I will keep it short, everyone is welcomed.

**Book / Knitting Club:** The book & knitting club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00am until 12:00pm** in the Library. The book of choice is: *The Island*, by: Victoria Hislop. All are welcomed whether you knit, crochet, or just want join into some conversation.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

### “TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE”

WELCOME! If you are visiting Saint Demetrios today thank you for worshipping with us. We pray that your visit here is uplifting. We invite you to fill out the welcome card that can be found at the pangari and to join us in fellowship at the Hermes Rafailides Center after liturgy.

For your convenience, Stewardship commitment cards and envelopes are also at the pangari. Remember that at Saint Demetrios we don't pass trays every Sunday because we ask that you include your tray contributions in your annual commitment.

Is this what we want our parish to be: “The journal is one of our major fundraisers for the year. As we did so successfully with our raffle during this year’s festival, we would like to ask all of our parish families to not just buy ads, but also to solicit them.” Or rather this: “I will look closely at what God has entrusted to me and with heartfelt gratitude will return an appropriate portion to Him.” Think about it.

## STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

	Budget Commitment	Goal ~ Total Operating Budget *	Total Commitments to Date	Collections to Date	# of Stewards
2014	\$392,000	\$693,000	\$325,368	\$248,161	463
2015	\$395,000	\$612,300	\$304,621	\$230,814	411

*\*Our goal as Christian Stewards is to fund 100% of the Church operating budget*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Divine Liturgy ~Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10:00am</i>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Home School Co-Op, 9:30am (C)                      Sweet Adelines, (H/G)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45am (C)                      Book/Knitters Club, 9:00am (L)                      Pre-School Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00pm (H/G)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)                      GOYA Basketball, 6:00 pm (H/G)                      Festival Mtg., 7:00pm (B)                      Demetrakia D-4, 6:00pm (C)</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pastries, 8:00 am (K)                      Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)                      Men’s Basketball, 6:30 pm (H/G)                      Adult Choir, 7:00 pm (M)                      Demetrakia I, 7:30pm (C)</p>	<p><b>Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pastries, 8:00 am (K)                      Pre-School, 8:45 am (C)                      Orthodox Studies, 9:30 am (B)</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup></b>                      Pastries, 8:00 am (K)</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>Sunday after Holy Cross</i>  <b>Welcome Sunday</b>  <i>Orthros, 9:00 am</i>  <b>Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am</b>  <b>Church School, 9:55am</b>                      Demetrakia, (All), 12:15 pm (C)</p>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Greek Festival, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*Pre-School Closed, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*No Orthodox Studies, September 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*No Church School, September 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*No Home School Co-Op, September 28<sup>th</sup>*

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Calling all women of Saint Demetrios . . . Please join us for our “*Welcome Back from Summer*” meeting on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30pm** in the Philoptochos Room with refreshments and door prizes, (babysitting will be available). We encourage everyone to bring their daughters, granddaughters, and friends.



Chapter Challenge ~ Computers Wanted! PLEASE CONTINUE dropping off your unwanted and working computer monitors keyboards, cords, hard drives and laptops. Is your company upgrading the employee computers or laptops? If the answer is YES, then we can help recycle these computers and laptops. Please place in the Philoptochos Green Bin of the church building, during regular weekly office hours or Sundays after Liturgy. The Saint Demetrios Philoptochos Chapter is linking computer access and literacy to the underprivileged of the Baltimore metropolitan area. We have teamed up with Project Reboot and Baltimore social service agencies ~ connecting eligible families with low cost computers from Project Reboot, a non-profit organization that refurbishes unwanted working computers and sells them to qualified parents, students, and single people seeking to better their lives in today's world of technology. For more information on how else you can help with this project, contact Mary Triandafilou, 410.528.1589 or Mtrianda28@gmail.com.



**Saint Nicholas Shrine:** Our next report is due mid-October. So far we have an additional \$300 in pledges which brings our total to \$8325. That leaves us \$3400 short of our goal. Please try to make a pledge for the next report so we can meet our magic number! Any questions, call Margo 410.465.0371.



**Save the Date ~ Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteer Opportunities open to assist the cookbook committee during our presentation at Boscov's Campus of Courses. Volunteers needed for food and drink tables, handing out flyers at the store entrances, registration, cookbook sales, Philoptochos information table, rovers and clean up. To volunteer and learn more about this exciting opportunity to showcase Philoptochos and the Greek culture please contact Mary Triandafilou 410.528.1589. Sign up to participate as a student chef , 'Developing Your Creativity - Greek Cooking, Appetizers and More!' 11:30am - 1:00pm, Boscov’s White Marsh Mall, 8200 Perry Hall Blvd, Baltimore, Maryland. Stephanie Apostolou, Chef & Owner of Tastefully Gourmet Catering, LTD, will present basics of Greek cooking, including how to handle phyllo dough, how to stuff grape leaves and many other hints and tips. Learn by doing and tasting in this hands-on demonstration. Cost: \$5.00. Register at the White Marsh Boscov’s Courtesy Desk or call the Courtesy Desk at 410-931-2005. All of the class recipes can be found in the book, Kali Orexi Book IV, the new cookbook from the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society. All proceeds from the sale fund the many Philoptochos philanthropic activities, including Beans and Bread, the Baltimore Rescue Mission, Ronald McDonald House, local public schools, and many more.

**Saint Andrew Orthodox Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** ~ The parish of Saint Andrew Orthodox Church in Baltimore, Maryland is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015** with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Eminence Archbishop Michael. A full day of celebration is planned that includes a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew in the morning, followed by a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. We return to our church for Great Vespers in the late afternoon and complete our celebration with a dinner and banquet that evening in The National Aquarium in downtown Baltimore. All are invited to attend. For more information please contact the Church at 410.276.3422.

## FESTIVAL CORNER

**Save the Dates:** Saint Demetrios' Greek Festival is just around the corner ~ **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.

**Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers. Please stop by our volunteer sign-up table in the Hermes Rafailides Center after Liturgy today.

**Festival T-Shirts for sale:** Please stop by in the Hermes Rafailides Center to purchase a festival t-shirt for \$5 after Liturgy today.

**Kitchen** ~ If you wish to help in the kitchen during the festival, please contact Smaro Cook at [smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com) or 410.342.1000.

**Festival Committee:** We are looking for volunteer help with several booths. Please contact Smaro Cook at [smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com](mailto:smaro.cook@wellsfargo.com) or 410-342-1000 as soon as possible. Thank you for any help you can provide. Our next committee meeting is **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Father's Attic:** We are accepting donations for Father's Attic. All donations can be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom between the Philoptochos Room & the Church School Office of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00am & 3:00pm.

**Barely Worn Clothes Booth:** We are accepting donations for our Barely Worn Clothes Booth. All donations can be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom between the Philoptochos Room & the Church School Office of the educational building, please drop off your donations Monday thru Friday between 9:00am & 3:00pm

**Greeks Got Talent!** Do you have a hidden talent you'd like to showcase? Always thought you could do something unique and would like for all to see? Then we've got the event for you! For the first time ever, Saint Demetrios will be kicking off their Festival weekend with "Greeks Got Talent!" All acts and ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded; all will receive a medal for participating. Whether you're participating or want to come have a fun night out supporting our community and enjoying great food with friends and family, we're waiting for you to kick-off the 2015 Saint Demetrios Greek Festival right! Doors open at 5pm, event begins at 7pm. Free Admission. For additional information and go sign up please email Irene Giannaros at [igiannaros@aol.com](mailto:igiannaros@aol.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baklava 5k Run/Walk:** Run/Walk with your friends to support the Saint Demetrios Greek Festival on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.** Fees: \$25.00 pre-registration, \$30.00 day-of-race. Prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. First 50 registrants/participants will receive a medal and a goodie bag. For more information or to register contact: Presvytera Alice 443.417.0975 or email at: [anoplos@comcast.net](mailto:anoplos@comcast.net) or pick up a flyer from the Narthex table.



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